

# Hair

Hair cycle: ① Autonomic, rhythmic transformation of Fully developed hair follicle through phases of regression, growth, resting Controlled by the Follicle itself,

② hair doesn't grow in the same time there is unsynchronization (some hair grow, some hair lost)

③ 4 stages are known:

- ① Anagen phase → active stage
- ② Catagen phase → involuting stage → involution of Lower  $\frac{1}{3}$  of hair follicle by massive keratinocyte apoptosis
- ③ Telogen phase → Resting phase then new hair regrow
- ④ Exogen phase Active hair shaft shedding (anagen IV)

Total number of human hair follicle is 5,000,000 (Mostly vellus follicle)  
100,000 in scalp  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 85\% \text{ anagen} \\ 0.5-1\% \text{ catagen} \\ 15\% \text{ telogen} \end{array} \right.$

Duration of hair cycle For example scalp  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Anagen 3 years (2-6)} \\ \text{Catagen 3 weeks (2-3)} \\ \text{Telogen 3 months} \end{array} \right.$

NB → Estrogen prolong anagen.  
→ Thyroxine promote growth  
→ Corticosteroid retard anagen onset

Hair growth: 0.35 mm/day i.e. 1 cm/month

- ⊕ Hair production is not increased by cutting/shaving
- ⊕ Estrogen ↓ hair growth rate
- ⊕ Androgen ↑ " " " , hair diameter

hair growth is mediated by testosterone.

testosterone  $\xrightarrow{5\alpha\text{-reductase}}$  DHT → promote conversion of Terminal hair to vellus hair → hair loss

Finasteride, dutasteride are  $5\alpha$  reductase inhibitors.



# Hypertrichosis

➤ Increase the hair growth of body hair (Non-androgen dependent) with normal androgen metabolism

① Generalized

② Localized

## [1] Generalized Hypertrichosis



① Hypertrichosis Lanuginosa

**Congenital**

AR, Fetal hair not replaced by vellus hair but → persist grow and may cover whole body

**Acquired**

Fine lanugo hair grow over large area of the body replacing normal hair associated w/ paraneoplastic S & malignancy

② Pigmented/Terminal Hair Hypertrichosis

**Congenital generalized**

- Generalized hypertrichosis
- ± Gingival hyperplasia
- skeletal defect,
- mental retardation.
- other congenital anomalies.
- Maternal ingestion of minoxidil.

**prepubertal**

- affect face (forehead preauricular area)
- proximal extremities and back
- hair in the back in (inverted fire tree) pattern.

**Drug-induced**

- Minoxidil
- D-penicillamine
- PUVA
- streptomycin

## [2] Localized Hypertrichosis

① Congenital localized:

- Hamman-Richards (Congenital melanocytic nevi - Becker's nevi)
- Nevroid hypertrichosis
- Faun tail: hypertrichosis in Sacral area as sign of spina bifida.

② Hereditary hypertrichosis:

affecting the specific anatomic sites:

- Hypertrichosis cubiti (Hairy elbow syndrome)
- hairy palm, sole, auricle, eye brow.



③ Localized Hypertrichosis :-

in hereditary and acquired diseases eg.

Hypertrichosis with sun exposed areas is a sign of Prophyria. (PCT)

④ Acquired circumscribed Hypertrichosis :-

after trauma or surgical wound

after inflammation due to prolonged CST use.

D.D of Hypertrichosis : is Hirsutism

Lab Invest : Normal androgen Level.

Treatment of Hypertrichosis :

① Cosmetics :- hair bleaching & 6% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

- Shaving
- Electrolysis, thermolysis
- Laser hair removal
- Intense pulsed light (IPL)

② stop using of drugs (minoxidil)

③ Rx of underlying cause (malignancy)

④ Anti-androgens if associated & elevated androgen level.

# Hirsutism

excessive growth of coarse, terminal hair in woman on androgen dependent areas of the body.

## Classification

[1] Constitutional

[3] Iatrogenic

[5] hepatic Hirsutism

[2] Endocrine - organ based Hirsutism

[4] Ectopic hormone production

[6] Failure of converting Androgen  $\rightarrow$  Estrogen

### 1) Constitutional

- Familial  $\rightarrow$  Normal Hormone Level (end organs is more sensitive to androgens)
- Adrenal  $\rightarrow$  Mild  $\uparrow$  of DHEA-S (Dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate)
- Ovarian  $\rightarrow$  Normal DHEA-S +  $\uparrow$  Free testosterone
- Hyperprolactemia  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  prolactin H.

### 2) Endocrine - organ (H)

- $\rightarrow$  Adrenal  $\rightarrow$  thin female, central Hirsutism
  - Adrenal hyperplasia
  - Adrenal hyperplasia
  - Hypercortisolism
  - Cushing's
  - (a) Non-tumoural adrenal Hirsutism
  - (b) Tumour adrenal Hirsutism, Adenoma, Carcinoma.
- $\rightarrow$  Ovarian obese woman + Menstrual disturbance, lateral Hirsutism
  - (a) Non-tumoural PCO.
  - (b) tumour ovarian tumours
- $\rightarrow$  pituitary  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  ACTH  $\uparrow$  prolactin

[3] Ectopic Hormone production
 

- Lung carcinoma  $\rightarrow$  ACTH secretion
- choriocarcinoma  $\rightarrow$  BHCG secretion.

[4] Iatrogenic Hirsutism  $\rightarrow$  Steroid administration

[5] Hepatic Hirsutism Liver disease  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  sex hormone binding globulin

$\uparrow$  DHT  $\leftarrow$   $\uparrow$  testosterone Free  $\leftarrow$

[6] peripheral Failure of conversion of Androgen to estrogen lead to  $\uparrow$  Free androstenedione.



# Management of Hirsutism

- ① history: age of onset, Family history, menstruation, medical history
- ② Examinations: ① Degree of hirsutism ~~From~~ Ferriman, Gallwey Score From 1-4 ① No hair in chest ④ hair in chest, abdomen, back, thigh.  
② other signs of virilism → Acne, Frontal balding, P muscle mass  
③ CT, MRI, US of pelvis, abdomen to detect tumours.

## ③ Lab investigation:

- Total testosterone  $> 200 \text{ ng/ml}$  → Androgenic tumour
- DHEA-S  $> 700 \text{ ng/dL}$  → adrenal tumour
- ↑ 17-hydroxy progesteron → Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia.
- PCO ↑ testosterone, ↑ LH, LH:FSH  $> 3:1$
- ACTH stimulation test: 250 µg IV infusion if  $> 1000 \text{ ng}$  → +ve test
- Dexamethasone suppression test.

## ④ Treatment ① Cosmetic: bleaching, shaving, laser, IPL

② Rx of neoplastic causes: surgery - irradiation - chemotherapy

③ Rx of Non neoplastic causes:

① Suppression of adrenal androgens:

- Dexamethasone 0.25 - 0.5 mg/d for 3 months.

\* Prednisolone 7-5 mg/d for 2 months then 5 mg/d for 2 months then 2 mg/d for 6 months.

② Suppression of ovarian androgens:

\* oral Contraceptive pills

\* GnRH antagonist / 6 months

③ Androgen receptor blockers:

\* Spironolactone 50 - 200 mg/d for 6 months

\* ~~Cypro~~ Cyproterone acetate (Androcur) 20 mg - 100 mg form day ⑤ to day ⑭ of the cycle.

④ 5α reductase inhibitor → Finasteride 5 mg/day

⑤ Ketoconazole 400 - 1200 mg/day.

⑥ Suppression of pituitary prolactin production (Cabergoline - Bromocriptine)

⑦ Metformin in PCO

⑧ Topical therapy eflornithine

\* Surgical for ovarian, adrenal Tumours.  
\* Stop iatrogenic causes.



# Alopecia

loss of hair from hairy regions of the body.

## Evaluation of Alopecia

- ① History      ② Examination      ③ Investigations.

① History: Shedding or thinning

- ① \* Shedding Hair falling is severe daily (TE, AnagenE,  
\* thinning of hair lead to visible scalp but without noticeable hair falling eg. AGA or Senile Alopecia
- ② Duration & Congenital or acquired
- ③ Family history & Hair shaft disorders, AGA
- ④ hair care procedures: dyes, bleaching, cosmetics -----

② Examination:

Pattern circumscribed (patch) eg A-A

- ① Hair pattern of hair loss  $\rightarrow$  diffuse: T.E
- ② Hair fragility due to hair shaft disorder: Trichorrhexis nodosa
- ③ Scalp surface. to see inflammation lead to alopecia eg: psoriasis, histiocytosis.
- ④ Examination of other hairy region.

③ Investigations:

- ① Gentle hair pull test: 50-60 hair grasped by forefinger and thumb then pull without causing pain  
Normal ~~<~~  $\leq 10\%$  of hair pulled are extracted
- ② hairs or less. if more than 10%  $\rightarrow$  T.E.

the female shouldn't wash her hair 24-48 h before test

- ② Forceful hair pluck test (Trichogram) (hair root status)  
bundle of 50-60 hair is pulled out by artery forceps and the extracted hair is examined under microscope  
the female should be advised not to wash her hair 5-7 days before the test.



Anagen hair: the root is the largest at its base

the inner root sheath is present and firm

Telogen hair: Club shaped root, lack of angulation, loose sheath.

Dystrophic hair: pathological conditions. thin, without root sheath, taper at proximal end.

Normal trichogram:

the scalp contain 100,000 hair follicle.

85% in anagen phase

0.5-1% in Catagen phase

15% in telogen phase.

Normally 25-100 hair (telogen) lost per day.

(C) Tricho Scan: Automated software program responsible for analysis of hair growth.

(d) Time shed-hair count:

① Collecting hair loose in 24 h (Normally 50-100)

② brush hair for 1 minute. Count the number of hair shed hair Normal(50) if >150 active hair loss.

(e) Hair growth window:

For pt who say that their hair doesn't grow.

Shave area 2x2 cm after one week it should be

$$7 \times 0.35 \text{ mm} = 2.5 \text{ mm.}$$

(F) Scalp biopsy: to examine the presence of inflammation or scarring. two 4mm punch biopsies are examined.

(g) Dermoscope

(H) Lab investigations: CBC, s. iron, ----

for infection: Syphilis, KOH → Fungal



# Cicatricial Alopecia

Occurs as a result of destruction of hair follicle by scar tissue leading to irreversible alopecia

- 1<sup>ry</sup>: the hair follicle is the target of inflammation  
2<sup>ry</sup>: Follicles are destroyed in a non specific way (burn-trauma)

Causes of Cicatricial Alopecia:-

- ① Congenital: Ichthyosis (Recessive X-Linked)  
Darier's disease - epidermal nevus  
epidermolysis bullosa (Recessive dystrophic)
- ② Acquired:
  - (a) physical injury: Mechanical trauma, burn, Radiation
  - (b) infection → Fungal: Kerion, Favus      viral: Varicella, HZ  
bact.: LV, gumma, Leprosy, Carbuncle, acne necrotica  
protozoa: leishmaniasis
  - (c) Tumours BCC, SCC, metastatic Carcinoma.
  - (d) CTCL
  - (e) collagen disease DLE, Morphea, DM
  - (f) Dermatosis of unknown etiology: LP - Sarcoidosis  
Cicatricial pemphigoid - Acne Keloidalis  
Pseudofolliculitis barbe - Pyoderma gangrenosum.
- ③ Clinical syndromes: Pseudopelade of Brocq  
Folliculitis decalvans.

Pseudopelade of Brocq Woman to man 3:1

Condition in which there is chronic patches of alopecia which are slowly progressive, irregular defined, affecting the crown or back of the head. early stage: patches with mild perifollicular erythema.  
late stage: <sup>patch</sup> smooth shiny atrophy without sign of inflammation and absence of follicular pores. DIF -ve or minimal IgM at BMZ of infundibula

HVP moderate perifollicular infiltrate (lymphocytic) around upper 1/2 of follicle  
Later: the epidermis (thin, atrophic) dermis is (sclerotic)  
collagen bundles run vertically to the skin mark follicle/erector pili in place



# Classification of Iry cicatricial Alopecia.

	Scalp	Treatment
<u>Lymphocytic</u> ① <u>DLE</u> ② Lichen planopilaris ③ classic ④ Frontal Fibrosing Alopecia ⑤ Pseudopelade of Brocq	Symptomatic, erythematous scalp plaques with follicular plugs. telangiectasia, atrophy depigmentation o' time activity in the center of alopecia patch pruritic, multifocal or central alopecia patches o' follicular hyperkeratosis, erythema at hair bearing margin Frontotemporal recession of hair at hair-bearing margin, eye lash loss, facial papules, and body hair involvement in severe form.	① IL corticosteroid + Topical CST ② Hydroquinone, prednisolone, tacrolimus - tarazodene, isotretinoin. ↓ ⊕ cyclosporine, griseofulvin Antiandrogens (Finasteride and dutasteride)
⑥ Pseudopelade of Brocq	Asymptomatic, non inflamed Ivory-white or flesh Coloured small oval round confetti-like reticular or large irregular patches ± Atrophy	① Topical CST I L T A ② prednisolone ③ Hydroquinone Isotretinoin.
<u>Neutrophilic</u> ① Folliculitis Decalvans	more in central scalp, grouped follicular pustules Military abscess or hair bearing margin	Abs + steroids = Rifampicin + 2nd Abs = Fucidic acid + Zinc
Mixed AKne <u>Keloidalis</u>	Occipital scalp (nape) firm red-brown papules, papulopustules, Nodules, Keloidal plaques	① IL TAC ± Antibiotics ② Excision of plaque form.

# Telogen effluvium

A condition of diffuse hair loss in which the anagen hair follicles enter ~~the~~ into telogen phase Prematurely leading to diffuse shedding. usually occurs after severe stress.

## Causes of TE:

- ① Physiologic
  - ⊙ Physiologic effluvium of New born
  - ⊙ Post partum effluvium.
- ② Stress or injury:
  - ⊙ High fever (Malaria)
  - ⊙ Severe infection (HIV) (syphilis)
  - ⊙ Chronic diseases: Liver, Renal Failure, SLE,
  - ⊙ Hypothyroidism.
  - ⊙ Crash or liquid protein diet.
  - ⊙ Mal nutrition
  - ⊙ iron def. anaemia
  - ⊙ Zinc def.
  - ⊙ Major surgery.
- ③ Drugs: Retinoids = Heavy metals = B-blockers  
hormones - Antithyroid - Anti Convulsant - Anticoagulant (heparin)

Acute TE: diffuse shedding of hair occurs 3-4 months after stress exposure. it continues for few months and regrowth takes place within 6 months.  
good prognosis

Chronic TE: Telogen hair shedding is longer than 6 months.

## pathogenesis

[1] Immediate Anagen Release ] Follicles enter telogen phase prematurely → Acute Telogen effluvium

[2] Delay anagen Release ] in pregnancy hair follicle remain in anagen phase and post partum it convert to telogen result in shedding → TE → Post partum hair loss



[3] Short anagen syndrome

shortening of anagen phase so club hair are released 4-6 week after the onset of anagen

AGA and Chronic idiopathic TE

[4] Immediate telogen Release

shortening of Normal telogen

due to drugs eg Minoxidil

[5] Delay telogen Release

prolonged telogen followed by transition to Anagen

In some Humans

Lab investigation : Diagnosis

History - Examination - investigation

[1] History : - Duration of shedding.

- History of Surgery, Fever, Stress, Pregnancy.
- History of Chronic illness Liver, Renal, malignancy...
- Menstrual history - Diet history.
- Hair care procedures.

[2] Examination : - inspection (Manual - Wood's light, dermoscope).

- Inflammation → erythema, scaling, infection
- Hair collection (Hair pull, Hair pluck, Hair clipping)

Nail examination.

[3] Lab investigation

CBC

CMP

S. iron

TSH

T4

S. zinc

vit. D

Treatment of the cause, the underlying disease + Nutritional supplement, Minoxidil 2% or 5%

# Androgenic Alopecia

progressive transformation of terminal follicles into vellous follicles. it's induced by androgen stimulation of genetically predisposed persons.

pathogenesis: ① Genetic AD. the inheritance is polygenic  
Female has less family history.

② Androgens: there's relation bet AGA and androgens  
castrated male before puberty don't develop baldness but they develop baldness if they receive testosterone

③ Aging: baldness is progressive by aging.

## Diagnosis:

① Family history (Maternal, Paternal)

② Trichogram and scalp biopsy: ① Normal total number of follicles with a proportion of telogen hair

② Reduction of the size of hair follicle  $\rightarrow$  diameter

Terminal hair: vellous hair reduce  $>8:1$  to  $<4:1$

Anagen : telogen ratio reduce from  $12:1$  to  $5:1$

③ Lab test: for androgen  $\uparrow$  in Female if manifestation of hyperandrogenism is present.

## Clinical Features:

Male: start with bitemporal recession followed by balding of vertex, sparing the post, lateral scalp margins

Female: Start in late life, not severe as males. it's usually diffuse than patterned (thinning) affecting frontovertex area but unlike men - the frontal hair line retains. widening of central part shows Christmas tree pattern  
Grading according central part widening (Ludwig)

Grade I minimal widening    Grade II moderate    Grade III significant widening + thinning



## Treatment :

### ① Systemic Antiandrogens

#### ① Finasteride

1% For males FDA approved

2-5% For females Not FDA approved

### ② Topical

Minoxidil: 2% FDA approved For Female and male  
5% " " " Male only.

Combination with tretinoin enhance the trichogenic effect of minoxidil

vasodilator

↑ Cutaneous Blood Flow to scalp.

↑ Conversion of vellus hair to terminal hair in 30% of pt.

③ Light therapy: ↑ vascular circulation, ATP production  
Enhance matrix cell proliferation.  
665 nm/red light (HairMax - laser comb)

④ Cosmetic Rx hair transplantation.

### ⑤ Prostaglandin analogues:

Topical Latanoprost 0.1% ↑ Hair density

Injection of bimatoprost ~~0.03%~~ 0.03% weekly for 12 weeks  
good for Female pattern Hair Loss  
FPHL

# Alopecia Areata

Common skin disorder, non scarring alopecia present as circular area of alopecia which can lead to total scalp hair loss  $\rightarrow$  Alopecia totalis or Complete scalp and body hair loss  $\rightarrow$  Alopecia universalis

## Etiology:

- ① Genetic: 20% have +ve family history.
  - ⊙ Associated w/ Congenital disease (Down's Syndrome)
  - ⊙ Associated w/ Atopy
  - ⊙ Associated w/ HLA DQ7, DQ3, DR11
- ② Immunological: ⊙ AA is an autoimmune disease  
auto-Antigen is most probably melanocyte associated Antigen
  - ⊙ Associated w/ other autoimmune disease: LP, Vitiligo
- ③ Emotional stress.
- ④ Hormonal fluctuation, infection, vaccines are triggering factors of A.A.

## Histopathology:

- ① presence of miniature hair structure of early anagen or telogen
- ② peribulbar lymphocytic infiltrate (Swarm of bees) mainly T-helper type. CD4/CD8 is higher indicate activity

### 2 stages:

- ⊙ Early stage (Progressive): MN cell infiltrate around bulb + hair matrix changes + trichomalacia + narrowing of hair shaft.
- ⊙ Stable disease: scanty peribulbar infiltrate arrested anagen hair.



## Clinical Features:

Sudden and complete hair loss in a circumscribed area in which the skin is completely normal.

Exclamation mark hair: found around the patch which indicates progression.

the hair shaft is thin proximally and thick distally that can be easily pulled-out  $\Rightarrow \nabla$

Ophiasis: Extension of A.A along the scalp margin (active)

Alopecia totalis: total scalp hair loss

Alopecia universalis: total scalp hair and body hair loss.

AA diffusa: AA associated w/ diffuse hair loss as TE

Reticular AA: Recurrent patchy disease.

Sites: Scalp - beard moustach eye brow.

Trichogram: Normal or telogen hair root but if progressive rapidly  $\Rightarrow$  telogen dystrophic

## Associations trpāg

① Atopy                      ② eye changes  $\rightarrow$  Cataract & Alopecia totalis

③ Nail changes: 20% of cases

pitting + longitudinal ridging + thickening the intensity which parallel of hair loss.

Cause and prognosis is variable  
bad prognosis in trpāg

1/ Atopy

2/ Ophiasis

3/ Multiple lesion

4/ Presence of exclamation mark.

5/ affection of eye brow

6/ Nail changes.



# Treatment of A.A :-

## ① Topical

- 1- Topical or IntraCutaneous CST Kenacort
- 2- Non specific irritant Tincture iodine, Tr capsicum
- 3- photo chemotherapy PUVA
- ④ ~~Minoxidil~~ Minoxidil
- ⑤ Anthralin
- ⑥ RPP
- ⑦ Prostaglandine analogues Latanoprost, bimatoprost

## ② Systemic therapy :

① systemic CST only in rapid progressive active A.A  
prednisolone 0.5-0.8 mg/kg/day slowly tapered over 2 months

② systemic cyclosporine

③ Methotrexate

④ Bio logics ( infliximab - etanercept ) (failed)

## Drug induced alopecia

diffuse-non scarring-reversible alopecia. in scalp  
mechanism.

### Direct effect on Hair Follicle

interruption of anagen growth  
(anagen effluvium)

Chemotherapy  
Anti Cancerous

• Colchicine

premature  
pericentration  
of Telogen  
(T-E)

Androgenic induction  
of normal terminal into  
vellous hair

(Androgenic progestone, Anabolic steroid, exogenous androgen)

### Indirect

drug induce systemic  
disorder → Hair Loss

• Hypo thyroidism  
• Lichenoid drug eruption

↓  
Cicatricial alopecia  
or TEN

# Trichotillomania

Psychological disorder. the pt has habit of twisting the hair around his finger and pull it out.

Females > males 5:1

child > adult 7:1 boys > girls.

C/P ill-defined area (patch) in which the hair is twisted and broken off various distance of normal skin scalp.

Sites: eye brow - eye lash - pubic hair.

Pathogenesis: according to the Impulse control disorders causing severe stress or impairment.

## Criteria of Trichotillomania

- ↳ recurrent self hair pulling out result in hair loss
- ↳ increase tension immediately before pulling out the hair
- ↳ pleasure or relief sensation after pulling out the hair

Trichogram in affected area: ↓ telogen hair + 2ry trichodystrophies with fracture ~~end~~ distal end. Unaffected area is Normal

Growth window: steady increase in hair density in the shaved area.

H/P \* Distorted follicular anatomy without inflammation.

\* Multiple Catagen follicles \* pigment casts and keratin plugs (Trichomalacia)

## D.D

- ① Scalp ringworm: Trichotillomania (No scaling + -ve fungal culture)
- ② Alopecia areata: in Trichotillomania there's NO exclamation mark.

R/ Psychiatric - (minor or Major tranquilizer (SSRI))